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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 26, 2004 (Paper No. 21), applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 11-17 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 11-17 drawn to a biodegradable polymer; Group II, claims 18 and 19, drawn to a process and Group III, claims 20 and 21, drawn to a product. These groups were all examined in the parent application serial no. 09/857,611. Moreover, this application is a 371 National Stage application from a PCT. Under the Unity of Invention rules, the U.S. Patent Office must follow the restriction practice of the international bureau. Since no restriction was made by the IB, no restriction can be made here.

It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that each of claims 11-21 presently pending in this application be examined.

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